

## BASEBALL TEAMS AT PRACTICE

## SCENES AND SNAPSHOTS OF THE CARDINALS AT DALLAS. GORBETT AND MCGOVERN READY FOR THEIR IMPENDING BATTLE.



"LAD" MILTON.  
The speedy man, getting ready to send a hot one over.

## WHAT THE CARDINALS ARE DOING IN TEXAS.

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## CARDINAL MAKE-UP FOR SEASON CAN BE OUTLINED IN PART.

From Work Shown to Date, O'Neill, Murphy, Curry, Brown and Milton Seem Likely to Obtain Places for Steady Work While Dunleavy and Hackett Are Yet to Be Heard From—Nichols, Farrell, Williams and Brain Are Likely Infielders—Squad Makes Good Impression at Dallas.

Dallas, Tex., March 21.—"Will I, or will I not?" is a question no doubt raking the brains of about a dozen of the Donovan family now encamped in the Lone Star State, where "black-waxy," artesian water and cowboys are main features.

The chances are, Patsy Donovan would give something right now to be able to go into a trance for the next three weeks. He has burdens on his shoulders which would make an ordinary mortal take to the tall grass. He is here the center of a group of twenty-one confident, willing, "ready-to-do-or-die" ball tossers.

There is not one of them in camp but feels almost sure that he is going to be tapped on the shoulder when the time comes by Patsy and asked to report at League Park to perform all season. What makes Patsy's task all the harder is the fact that it begins to look as though the Robbisons have succeeded in corraling a strong lot of players, pitchers in particular.

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WALKER TAKING A REST AFTER A HARD WORK-OUT AND RAPID PRACTICE.

## NEGRO TRAINERS AND RIDERS HAVE HAD THEIR DAY ON TURF.

Black Men Who Once Enjoyed a Practical Monopoly of Handling Race Horses Have About Passed Away From Those Professions.

Fifty years ago negroes had almost a monopoly of training and riding race horses. To-day they have all but disappeared from the turf, save as stablemen, rubbers, etc.

In the ante-bellum days the big land owners of the South constituted the patrons of racing from the owners' standpoint. It was natural for them to look for their stable help of every degree from among their many slaves.

The volume of racing was quite small as compared with the situation at the present day. Meetings were oftentimes impromptu, or called at short notice to decide a wager made in haste and for the settlement of which the hot Southern blood would brook slight delay.

With the establishment of racing at Saratoga soon after the close of the war, followed by the opening of Jerome Park shortly afterwards, the center of the racing endeavor gradually shifted from south of the Mason and Dixon line to the territory around the metropolis. The negro, however, had been freed before this and naturally stuck to the horses and followed them North.

ONLY ONE OR TWO LEFT.  
Brown Dick, Tom Green and perhaps one or two others are still entitled to some distinction in this line, but the "tree-trunk negro," as Uncle Remus called them, have never seemed to grasp the situation as did their forebears in the good old times, when to work a winter day for a few dollars was a family name, of which they were proud as was their master.

The negro jockey, too, flourished for many years after racing was established in the North, but his sun seems to have set with the passing of Sam Clayton and Perkins. The last of the negro riders to gain and hold the center of the stage for any length of time, and about the only real good negro "jockey" known to the present generation of racing.

Bill Jordan trained some of the best horses in the South. With Palsotto he beat the eastern crack S. Smith in the Kenner and Travers stakes at Saratoga. Blue Eyes and Fortuna were other stake-winners which Jordan trained. He handled all of the horses belonging to Hunt Reynolds, a Kentucky turfman of the old school.

Another negro trainer who gained an enviable reputation was Old Man Palt. That was the only name by which he was known around the stables. He was a native of Kentucky, and came to the States with the famous "white, gold tassel" of Mr. Dwyer, famous as an owner and trainer of champions. He was a native of Kentucky, and came to the States with the famous "white, gold tassel" of Mr. Dwyer, famous as an owner and trainer of champions.

James R. Keen's first trainer was a negro, Frank Harner when Longfellow, Springfield, John Johnson and others were making turf history in the colors of that veteran turfman.

PERRY HANDLED GOOD HORSES.  
Another of Mr. Harper's trainers was Abe Perry, who was considered a great trainer. He also handled Longfellow, Long Knight, Irish King, J. Johnson and others. He won the stallion stakes with J. Johnson running in his own colors. Mr. Harper had Irish King in the same race and protested the payment of the purse to Perry.

Henry Brown developed the good horses owned by Colonel Dan Swigert and Bowen and Clay in the days when these were named to contend with on the turf. He brought out Hindoo, which was sold to the Dwyers for \$10,000, although he had a four-mile heat winner, Runnymede, Belle of Runnymede, and a number of other good horses.

Andrew Thompson, who for a time handled the horses of W. L. Scott, was a good trainer. Brown Dick has probably been the most successful negro trainer in America. He is a fine judge of a horse, and it is his custom to buy one or two well-bred yearlings.

Joe Finnigan.  
The little fellow has had plenty of league experience, and his work at the tag end of last season for the Cardinals was first class. He is stronger, faster, and more confident than he was last year.

BROWN IN GOOD TRIM.  
"Miner" Brown is another new man who handles himself like a ready man. He can be placed on the "pretty-sure" class. If he isn't, Frank Genies will have a fit, as Frank said he would stake his reputation on the young man's ability to make good in the big league.

Charles MacFarland is one of the few arrivals who does not appear to be on the anxious seat. "I know just what I can do in the big league," says Charlie, "and I given a chance I will not have much to worry about."

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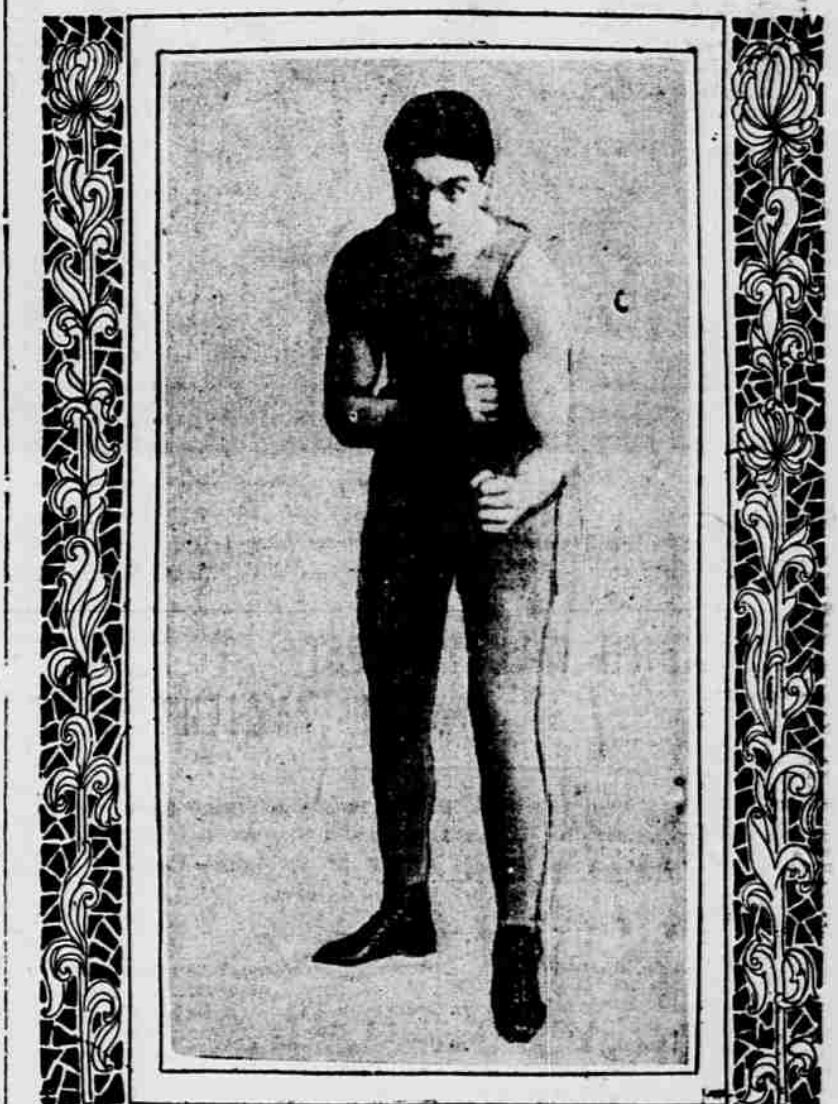
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Feather Weight Title Will Hinge on the Meeting of March 31 Before the Hayes Valley Athletic Club—Followers of Pugilism Are Divided on the Outcome, but McGovern Probably Will Be the Favorite at the Ringside—Yanger Won His Bout From Abel in Handy Fashion Last Week and Meets McGovern Shortly.



BENNY YANGER.  
The Chicago fighter, who won from Kid Abel at Kansas City last Tuesday, and who will meet Hugh McPadden in a few days.

## WRITTEN FOR THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC.

Just one week from Tuesday evening Young Corbett and Terry McGovern are scheduled to clash before the Hayes Valley Club of San Francisco in their twenty-round contest, which few believe will go the limit. The bout will decide the feather-weight title and widespread interest is felt in the result.

While opinions vary widely as to the outcome, most sporting men seem agreed that it will be a "punch fight." That is, that the first man to get his punch over rightly will win on his merits, and not on his skill at boxing. Both boys have knock-out blows in either hand; both are hard, fast fighters. It is not likely that the referee will be troubled to decide the question of supremacy on points.

It is doubtful if any contest can show such a following of sporting men aligned in support of either man. No previous championship battle ever saw the contestants so close and so evenly matched. Terry McGovern is a native of the South, and has been there ever a battle where authorities on the subject differed so widely on the probable result of the fight.

One-half of the sporting world is going to be badly disappointed by the result of the fight. The other half will be satisfied. There are cases in pugilism when the sporting experts are wrong. It is not likely that the result will be a surprise.

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## BILLY RHODES.

Who will meet George Bink this afternoon at the Columbia Athletic Club.

month, it may be mentioned that he adopted left jabbing for city life in his bout with Abel, a somewhat unusual course of procedure for Benny.

Yanger had things all his own way in the opening round, and Abel succeeded in landing but one punch in that period—a right to the jaw. It was only in the third, and sixth rounds that Abel managed to land at all. He was then in a bad way, and he was largely by the grace of Yanger who let openings as he went in with both hands.

This characteristic stomach punching of Yanger seems inseparable from any plan of attack. It is a boy may miss the stomach, but it is one reason why followers of the game do not favor him so much as Young Corbett or McGovern.

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